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**Justice Cabinet announces Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
funds available to communities**

FRANKFORT, KY - Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown announced today that grants are available for programs that offer direct services to victims of violent crime. Applications for the funding, which is received through the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), are due by June 15, 2015.

The VOCA program provides hands-on assistance and direct services to victims of crime, such as crisis intervention and follow-up; therapy; group counseling; information and referral; court advocacy; and assistance with victim compensation claims. Eligible applicants include public agencies and nonprofit programs such as domestic violence shelters; child advocacy centers; rape crisis centers; prosecutorial and crisis intervention programs; and other advocacy programs that currently provide or want to provide direct service to victims of violent crime.

All applications must be submitted via the online Kentucky Justice [Electronic Grants Management System](#) (eGMS). New applicants are strongly encouraged to establish a user account and familiarize themselves with the system well in advance of the due date. *Please note: validation of new user accounts will take 48-72 hours.* Training videos and other aids are available by following the links on the Grants Management Branch webpage, <http://justice.ky.gov/Pages/Grants-Management-Branch.aspx>. Awards are scheduled to be announced in September 2015.

Please note: the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has announced an increase in the VOCA funding cap. The Cabinet will not release these increased funds until FY2016, after the completion of a statewide needs assessment.

Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting Grants Management Branch staff at (502) 564-3251 or askgmb@ky.gov.